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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634
Serial No.: 09/940,296 Examiner: Whisenant, E.
Filed: August 27, 2001
Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2002.

The requested extension is for five (5) months, extending the period for response to February 9, 2003.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on January 31, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total fee of \$985.00 to cover the fee for the five (5) month extension of time, and any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1/31/03


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